

# County Estimates

County estimates are an integral part of agricultural statistics. These estimates provide data to compare acres, production, and yield in different counties within the State of Utah. Crop county estimates play a major role in Federal Farm Program payments and crop insurance settlements, thus, directly effecting many farmers and ranchers. A cooperative agreement between the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA provides funding in support of county estimates contained in this publication.

During 1999 County estimates back to 1993 were reviewed and possibly revised. We have included 1993 - 1999 crop production county estimates and January 1, 1993-2000 livestock county estimates in this publication. Cash receipts are revised more frequently and we have only included 1997 and 1998 estimates. County Cash receipts estimates for years prior to 1997 have not been revised.

County estimates may be downloaded in .CSV file format by accessing the NASS homepage at <http://www.usda.gov/nass> and selecting "on line database".

Box Elder was the "Number one" county in **total grain production** (wheat, barley, oats, and corn) followed by Cache, Millard, Utah, and San Juan Counties. These five counties accounted for 69 percent of the 1999 grain production. Box Elder was also "number one" in **acres of small grain** (wheat, barley, oats) followed by Cache, Utah, San Juan, and Millard Counties. These five counties accounted for 40 percent of the 1999 small grain acreage.

Box Elder County was the State's largest producer of **winter wheat** producing 54 percent of the State total. Cache County ranked second followed by San Juan, Utah, and Salt Lake Counties.

**Spring wheat** production was also dominated by Box Elder County followed by Cache, Utah, Millard, and

Weber Counties.

**Barley** production was led by Cache County followed by Millard, Box Elder, Utah, and Sanpete Counties. The top five counties' production accounted for 72 percent of the State total.

Box Elder was the "Number one" producer of **oats** in the State followed by Uintah, Cache, Emery, and Duchesne Counties.

**Corn for grain** production was led by Box Elder followed by Utah, Millard, Davis, and Weber Counties. Box Elder County led in production of **corn silage** followed by Millard, Cache, Utah, and Weber Counties.

**Alfalfa hay** production was led by Millard County followed by Box Elder, Iron, Cache, and Sanpete, and Duchesne Counties. Rich was the leading county in **other hay** production followed by Duchesne, Sanpete, Cache, and Utah.

Box Elder County had the largest inventory of **cattle and calves** as of January 1, 1999 followed by Cache, Millard, Duchesne, and Utah. Cache County continued as the major county for **milk cows** with over twice the number as Millard which ranked in second place. Box Elder, Utah, and Sanpete were also major dairy counties.

Sanpete was once again the "Number one" **sheep** county. Other major sheep producing counties were Box Elder, Iron, Utah, and Summit. The top five counties accounted for 61 percent of the total.

Preliminary indications of 1998 total **cash receipts** show Cache County as the "Number one" county. Utah is second, followed by Box Elder, Sanpete, and Millard. Cache was the leading county for livestock cash receipts followed by Sanpete. Crops cash receipts were topped by Box Elder County followed by Utah County.